



Loretta Wright

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Loretta Wright

SCHOOL: Green Park Elementary

Position: Kindergarten teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 27 years

Q. What are some of the skills your students are learning early in the school year?

A. Being able to get along with other people is a big one. We work in teams and they learn to be respectful. If they can't get along with other people, they usually aren't going to do well academically.

Q. What math and reading skills should your student know by first grade?

A. They need to know all their letter names and sounds, blend sounds to make simple words, count out loud from one to 100, recognize numerals from one to 30, and count objects up to 20.

Q. What science skills are your students learning?

A. They are learning an awareness of who they are in the world and how they relate to others. We have new science grade level expectations we are exploring this year. Students learn the difference between what's alive and what isn't and the life cycles of simple organisms.

Q. How do you use learning centers to peak the interests of your students?

A. The learning centers allow the students to move around the classroom and interact with other students. We have a writing area and a play house. We use manipulatives like Legos, Lincoln Logs and Mr. Potato Head. We have a science area, computer space and supplies stations for doing arts and crafts.

Q. How do you help struggling students?

A. The skill levels do vary and there is a huge gap between some of the students. Our job is to lessen this gap and continue to challenge the students who come in with a lot of skills. We identify the skills students need to improve and focus our instruction on their individual needs. We regularly communicate with parents and use assessment data to guide our instruction.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
LORETTA WRIGHT'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM LORETTA...

I share a classroom with Mell Gribnau. She has the students in the morning and I have them in the afternoon. We meet in between to discuss any issues and challenges. We have a close working relationship and collaborate so we do what's best for the students.

I've seen a lot of changes over the years that present challenges in our schools. The biggest change is more single parent families and poverty.



We meet with all parents before school starts. We don't have a lot of homework because they are here all day, but we provide parents activities they can work on at home.